



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 12, 2000

H.R. 2932

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area Study Area and to establish the Crossroads of the West Historic District in the state of Utah

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on April 5, 2000

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2932 would cost the federal government \$5.25 million over the 2001-2005 period. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2932 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Any costs to the state of Utah or local jurisdictions in that state would be incurred voluntarily.

H.R. 2932 would establish the Crossroads of the West Historic District in the city of Ogden, Utah. The bill would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to make grants to or execute cooperative agreements with the state, local governments, or nonprofit groups under which the federal government would pay one-half of the cost of developing a plan for the district and implementing interpretive projects. The NPS also would be authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with these parties to finance one-half of the cost of restoring or repairing historic properties and to provide technical assistance and interpretive materials. For these purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million annually, up to a total of \$5 million.

The bill also would direct the NPS to conduct a study of the Golden Spike/Crossroads area of the new historic district. The three-year study would establish the suitability of this site for interpretation by the agency. Based on information from the NPS, we estimate this study would cost \$250,000 over the 2001-2003 period.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Deborah Reis (for federal costs), and Marjorie Miller (for the state and local impact). This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.